

Dennis Thomas Family Serving in Latin America

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"And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you."

Isaiah 46:4

Although we have not been as timely in communicating with you, our faithful churches, we have used what little inner resources we have to stay in communication with our children...our

precious spiritual children! This includes our station owners who took it upon themselves to take the burden of all the scheduling off our shoulders. They have given us all the time we needed to get to where we could make our payments. Several of those stations have made announcements to let the listeners

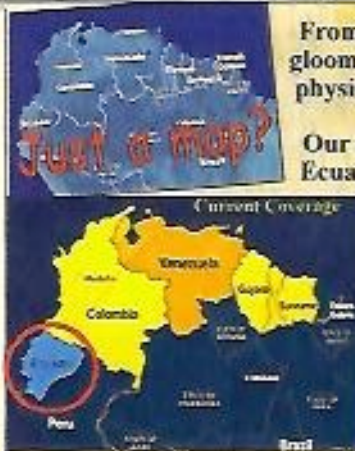
know what we have been going through. What an unexpected blessing to see our 'kids' ministering to us! Notes of 'este no puede ser', that this cannot be...you have to keep teaching!

Oh, what a fire that'll light in your heart!! No procedure, medication nor doctor can match it!

Keeping 'merry hearts' even in such somber moments...It was common nurse chatter in the ICU about Dennis crying out and speaking only in Spanish! When they told us what had happened, we totally resisted before telling them that, yes, he indeed speaks Spanish! Although he was totally out of it there was no one that escaped hearing about the angels' encampment around us all. They all knew he wanted to recover and 'be closer to the heart of God'. Weeping as I say those few words.

If you know us...you will believe that when our kids got to the hospital...they set up a complete French Press coffee station for us and those who cared for us. His brother made it his personal goal to see that we never ate 'hospital food'. Nurses and Techs even took their 'breaks' with us. Our kids also took pictures and notes on all the postoperative delirium antics for their Daddy's sake. (Yes, honey, it's all documented!) When we arrived at home...we had almost 2 weeks with our children and just about all our 20 grandchildren here to care for us in 1000 many ways! Indeed...a merry heart 'doeth good like a medicine', 'maketh a cheerful countenance' and gives us 'a continual feast'!

Starting with an apology for taking a very long time in getting this report to you. So very difficult to talk of 'health' once again, as you can imagine!! Then sudden thoughts that **REQUIRE** us to stop and **PRaise HIM** for all He has brought us through!! We had returned from Guatemala after working there for three months. What we thought were complications due to altitude didn't disappear when we returned and was so much more. We were able to be in several churches here in the U.S. and were in the midst of making final appointments in Guyana for the end of Summer and in the process of getting passport renewal. Long difficult times since...in as short a form as possible... Dennis was in the hospital here in Nashville for days to be stable enough for open heart surgery. His LAD (yes, that widow maker) was 100% blocked at the very same place he already had one stent placed inside of another stent! He ended up being a better candidate for robotic bypass surgery using a LIMA Graft. That Left Internal Mammary Artery is already connected to the body's blood supply so one end is left intact while the other end is attached to the LAD bypassing the blockage. His recovery was complicated with days of post-operative delirium and other complications. BUT, after almost 2 weeks in the hospital...we are home, recovering and rehab. Even this is a bit complicated because he has other blockages and more stents necessary in the near future. That Isaiah 46:4 text was truly my comfort through tear filled days. Please, continue to pray for him! Call his name, Dennis! In spite of how devastating and discouraging this is for him...we are so given to Praise, Hope and Plans for the Future!



From the bed of total helplessness and a measure of gloom over where all of this is going to leave us physically... We hear it echoed

"Is the seed yet in the barn?"

Our daughter, Mindy, will be making a business trip to Ecuador in September. She calls and tells her daddy to get particulars on the radio stations, get packets of concepts, letters of recommendations printed, CDs/Flash Drives and a HUGE dose of courage ready! Courage to go into non-Christian stations with a plea to go against their normal broadcasting and give a moment for God's Word! Right now...this moment...when we couldn't catch a glimpse of that vine, of that fig tree, that pomegranate or olive tree...it gives us life to read those few words, 'from this day will I bless you.'

We took it 'personally' today! Bendiciones, hijita!!!!

Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you. Haggai 2:19

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You have been so very faithful in your care and support for us and this ministry. All the radio stations are fully funded with one exception. Guyana's State owned TV and Radio Station of NCN was a real step of faith. Amazingly, but totally expected, those payment 'chunks' have always been made on time! It's a difficult one, anyway, because it has to be made 6 months at a time for the two stations. This is for the English broadcasting from Georgetown, Guyana, and for the Spanish programs thru Radio Mabaruma on the Venezuelan Border. Thanks to our home church, Midway Baptist, and what we had in our coffers...we were able to make that payment in May. This will take us through the last broadcast on December 30, 2026. You know that you have helped us before and we are already asking that in December ... you help us with that payment that will take us through June 2027. The Guyanese dollar exchange rate in June made the payment of \$2033.00 in dollars.

GRATITUDE So few of you were even aware of what we were going through... thank you for instant prayers and care! Your immediate love offerings that you sent allowed us the freedom to take turns sleeping in a hotel close by and for many other unexpected expenses and needs during that time. Our 18 years living in Nicaragua ... it was common to hear "Que Dios me los bendiga" as we would leave their presence. It is an informal Spanish way of adding personal affection or involvement in the blessing... 'May God bless you all on my behalf'. Please receive the same from us!!